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January 3, 2002

Mr. Sean Murphy
Moon Mountain Stone Company, Inc.
833 North Grayson Parkway
Blanding, Utah 84511

Re: Acceptance of Amended Notice of Intention, Small Mining Operations, Moon Mountain Stone Company, Inc., Cloudy Moon Quarry, S/037/116, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Murphy:

Thank you for your amended Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on November 19, 2001, and revised December 5, 2001. The application for the new quarry operations in the SE¼ NW¼ of Section 16, Township 38 South, Range 24 East, SLBM, is considered complete and no additional information is required at this time. You may now commence with your amended plan as outlined provided you have received written acceptance from the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA).

The archaeological sites identified in the notice of intention are outside the area approved to be disturbed, and we suggest they be flagged to prevent accidental disturbance. If you decide to expand your operations into these areas, it will be necessary to first confer with the Division of State History and obtain their approval.

Please be advised that you are bound by the same "Operation and Reclamation Practices", as outlined in your original notice. Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices." Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

The two quarries, one in the SE¼ NW¼, Section 16 and the other in the SW¼ NW¼, Section 16, are considered one operation and are covered under one notice of intention, so the acreage is calculated for both quarries combined as if they were one. A small mining operation is authorized for up to five acres of disturbance. Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five-acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.

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Please be advised that the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) may also require certain permits for your operation. For further information regarding their permitting requirements, you may contact them at (801) 538-6146; their mailing address is Utah State Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116-0690.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. B. Baker".

Paul B. Baker

Senior Reclamation Biologist

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cc: John Blake (SITLA)

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